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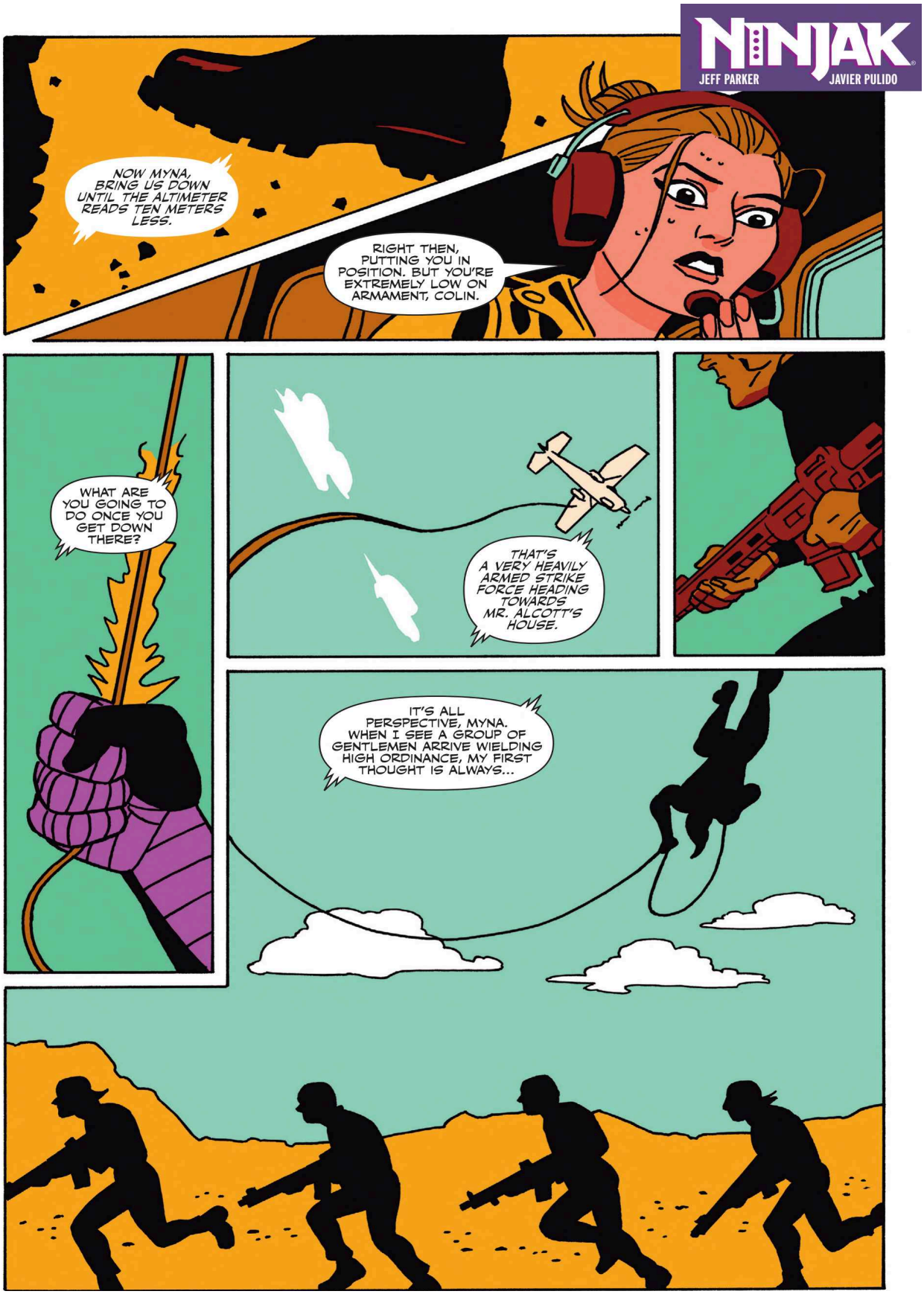
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NOW MYNA, BRING US DOWN UNTIL THE ALTIMETER READS TEN METERS LESS.
RIGHT THEN, PUTTING YOU IN POSITION. BUT YOU'RE EXTREMELY LOW ON ARMAMENT, COLIN.
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ONCE YOU GET DOWN THERE?
THAT'S A VERY HEAVILY ARMED STRIKE FORCE HEADING TOWARDS MR. ALCOTT'S HOUSE.
IT'S ALL PERSPECTIVE, MYNA. WHEN I SEE A GROUP OF GENTLEMEN ARRIVE WIELDING HIGH ORDINANCE, MY FIRST THOUGHT IS ALWAYS...

PARKER PULIDO
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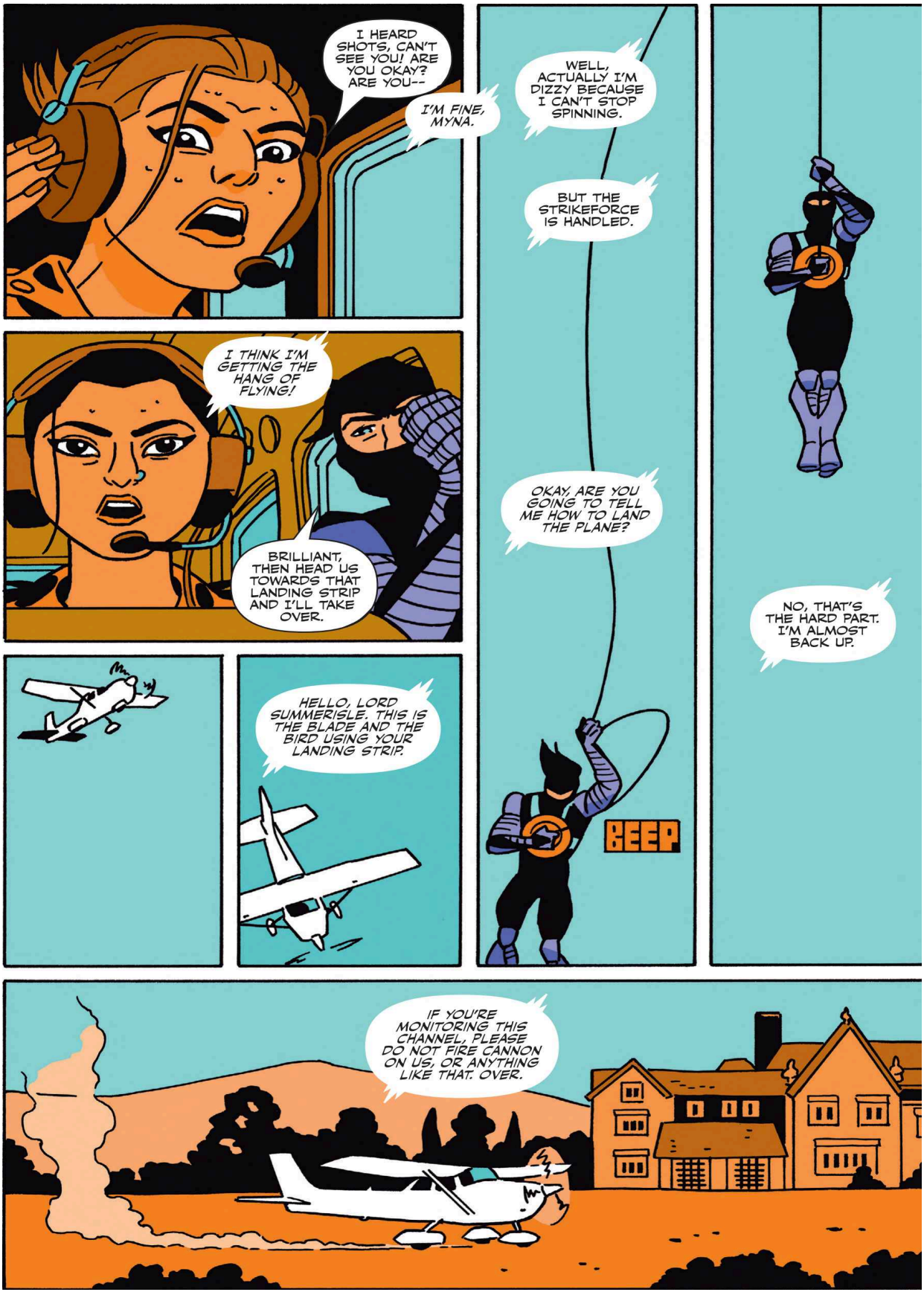
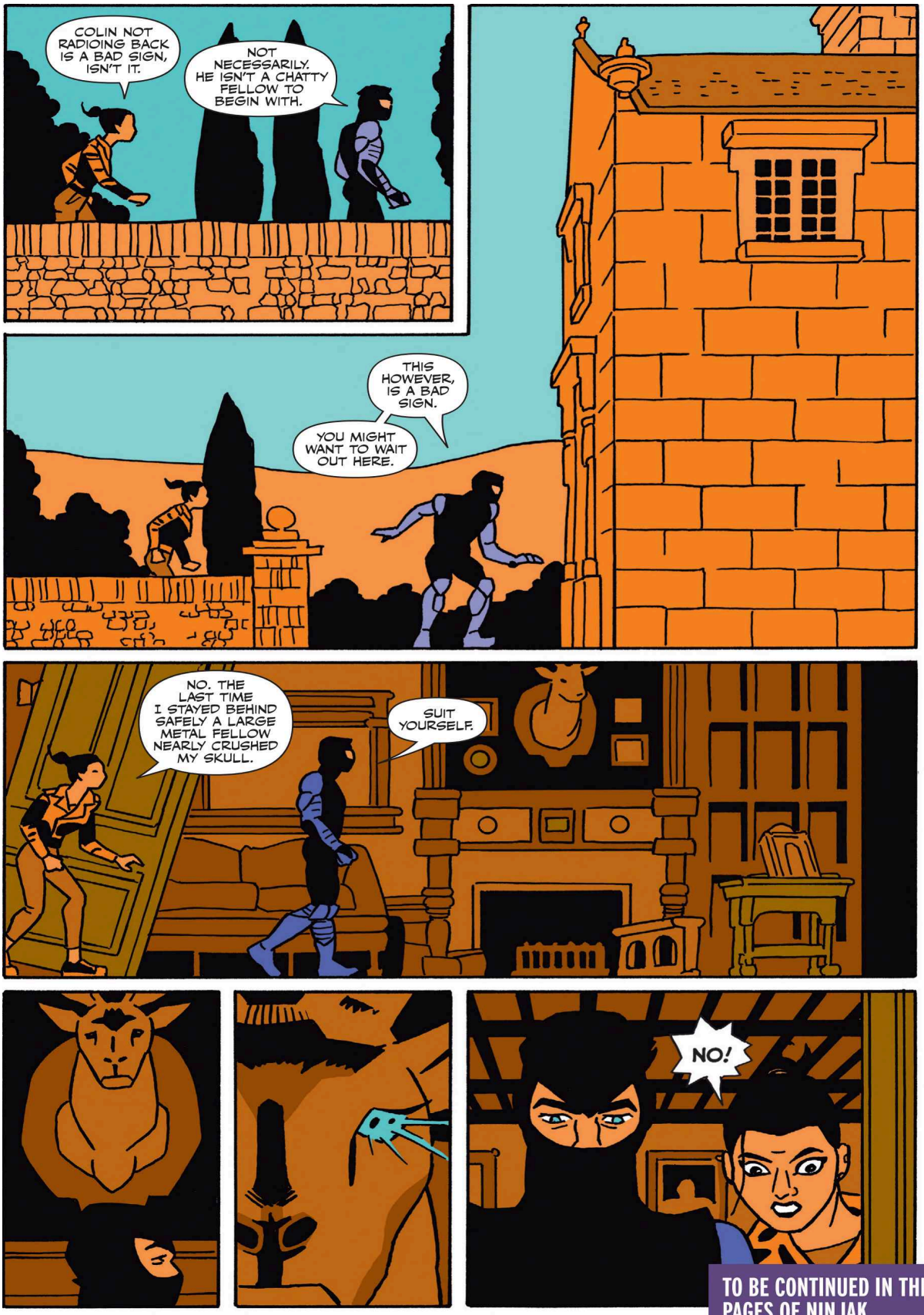

I HEARD SHOTS, CAN'T SEE YOU! ARE YOU OKAY? ARE YOU--
I'M FINE, MYNA.
I THINK I'M GETTING THE HANG OF FLYING!
BRILLIANT, THEN HEAD US TOWARDS THAT LANDING STRIP AND I'LL TAKE OVER.
HELLO, LORD SUMMERISLE. THIS IS THE BLADE AND THE BIRD USING YOUR LANDING STRIP.
IF YOU'RE MONITORING THIS CHANNEL, PLEASE DO NOT FIRE CANNON ON US, OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT. OVER.
WELL, ACTUALLY I'M DIZZY BECAUSE I CAN'T STOP SPINNING.
BUT THE STRIKEFORCE IS HANDLED.
OKAY. ARE YOU GOING TO TELL ME HOW TO LAND THE PLANE?
BEEP
NO, THAT'S THE HARD PART. I'M ALMOST BACK UP.


COLIN NOT RADIOING BACK IS A BAD SIGN, ISN'T IT.
NOT NECESSARILY. HE ISN'T A CHATTY FELLOW TO BEGIN WITH.
THIS HOWEVER, IS A BAD SIGN.
YOU MIGHT WANT TO WAIT OUT HERE.
NO. THE LAST TIME I STAYED BEHIND SAFELY A LARGE METAL FELLOW NEARLY CRUSHED MY SKULL.
SUIT YOURSELF.
NO!

TO BE CONTINUED IN THE PAGES OF NINJAK

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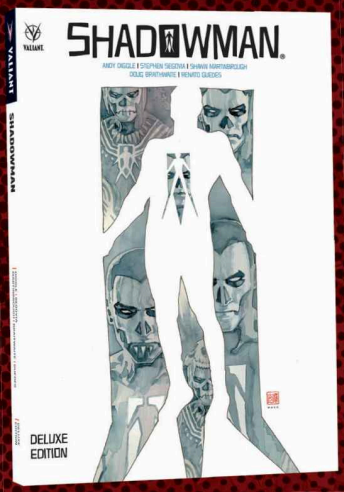

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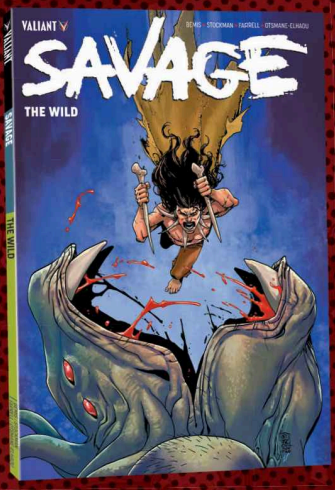

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TPB

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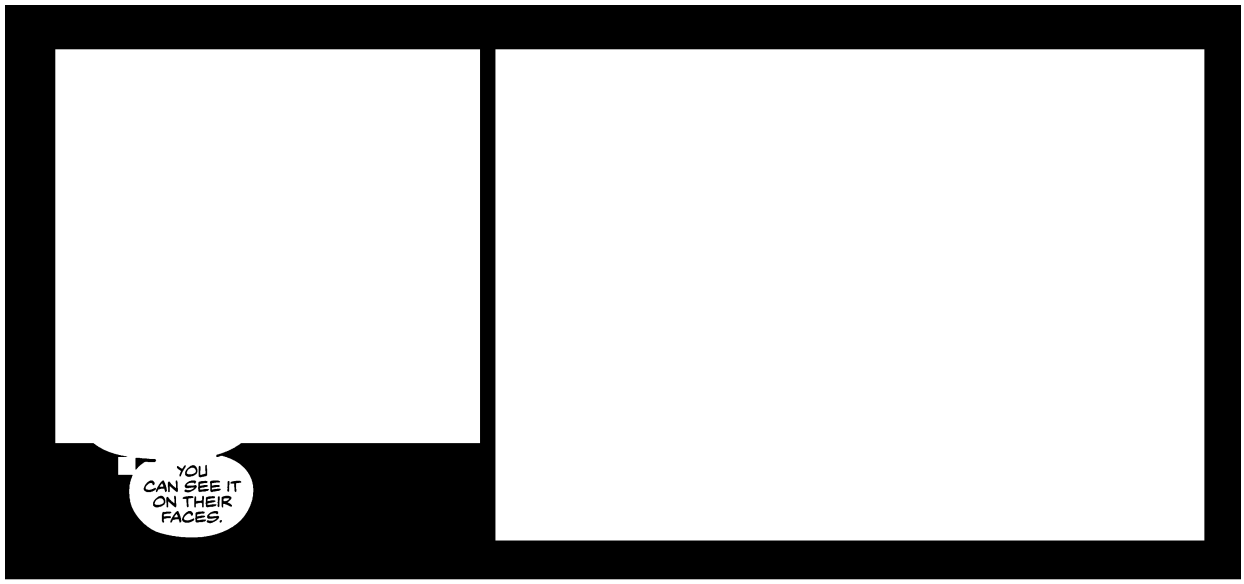
X-O MANOWAR
Manhattan, Now...
CAME BACK TO EARTH TO BE A HERO DID I NOT, SHANHARA?
YES, BUT--
YOU ARE MY ARMOR, MY WEAPON, MY TRUSTED CONFIDANT.
YES, BUT--
THEN WHY STAND IN MY WAY?
BECAUSE WE AGREED TO EASE YOU INTO MORE DANGEROUS ENGAGEMENTS.
I AM NOT A BABY.
THE PUBLIC RISK IS TOO HEAVY.
BABY STEPS.
"GIVE ME THE KILLERS."
"FINE.
"HIGH LEVEL MERCENARIES KNOWN AS THE BLACK FLAG HAVE ATTACKED SIX DEFENSE CONTRACTORS IN THE PAST MONTH."
A SILENT ALARM AT GUIDE-TECH TRIGGERED SIX MINUTES AGO.
SECURITY IS NON-RESPONSIVE.
FOLLOW THE YELLOW ROUTE.
THANK YOU.
THE LEADER USES A NUMBER OF ALIASES, BUT HE WAS BORN ALEXEI KARKOV, IF YOU WANT TO CALL HIM BY NAME.
I DON'T.
AND THAT IS A KAMOV KA-60, RUSSIAN MILITARY HELICOPTER.
THIS MODEL WAS DECOMMISSIONED IN 2002 BUT HAS BEEN READILY AVAILABLE AND QUITE POPULAR ON THE BLACK MARKET EVER SINCE.

K-TANG
BRAKKA
BRAKKA
THANKS IN LARGE PART TO THE 1990'S CARTOON AND TOY LINE *Yo DudeBro.*
SHANHARA! STOP RESEARCHING--
KRSSSH!
--AND TELL ME WHERE TO **PUNCH** THE THING!
OH. YES. SORRY.
WIKIPEDIA IS A BLACK HOLE SOMETIMES.
SHANHARA, **FOCUS!**
NOTHING. NEVER MIND.
IT HAS A SIFREN AARDVARK TURBOSHAFT ENGINE.
PUNCH THROUGH THE BULGE JUST BENEATH THE ROTORS.
PNCH!
ARIC, IT'S CRASHING.
100M
YOU HAVE TO CATCH IT **NOW.**

[redacted]

YOU SHOULD NOT HAVE DISABLED THE ENGINES UNTIL WE WERE CLEAR OF ALL THE BUILDINGS.
YOU MIGHT'VE TOLD ME THAT BEFORE!
MY GUIDANCE IS REACTIVE, NOT PREDICTIVE.
YOU ALWAYS SAY THAT--
KA-TOOM

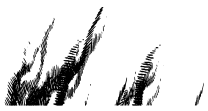
"--AFTER YOU FAIL TO PREDICT SOMETHING."
ON A POSITIVE NOTE, THEY ARE ALL STILL ALIVE.
AND YOU LOOK GOOD PULLING THEM OUT. HEROIC. EXACTLY WHAT WE WANT.
UNFORTUNATELY, I AM ESTIMATING NINE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS DAMAGE TO THE SURROUNDING NEIGHBORHOOD.
:SIGH:
THIS IS WHY I WANTED US TO START SMALL.
WE ARE STARTING TO POP UP ON SOCIAL MEDIA.
I KEEP TELLING YOU I DON'T CARE ABOUT THAT.
$9000
PUBLIC OPINION MATTERS, ARIC.
NO, IT DOESN'T.
"XO MANOWAR ATTACKS BUILDINGS WITH HELICOPTER."
THIS LOOKS BAD.
I DON'T CARE HOW IT LOOKS.
I WILL RUN SOME SIMULATIONS. WE WILL DO BETTER NEXT TIME.
BUT FOR NOW, POLICE ARE EN ROUTE. TAKE US OUT OF HERE.
NO.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "NO?"

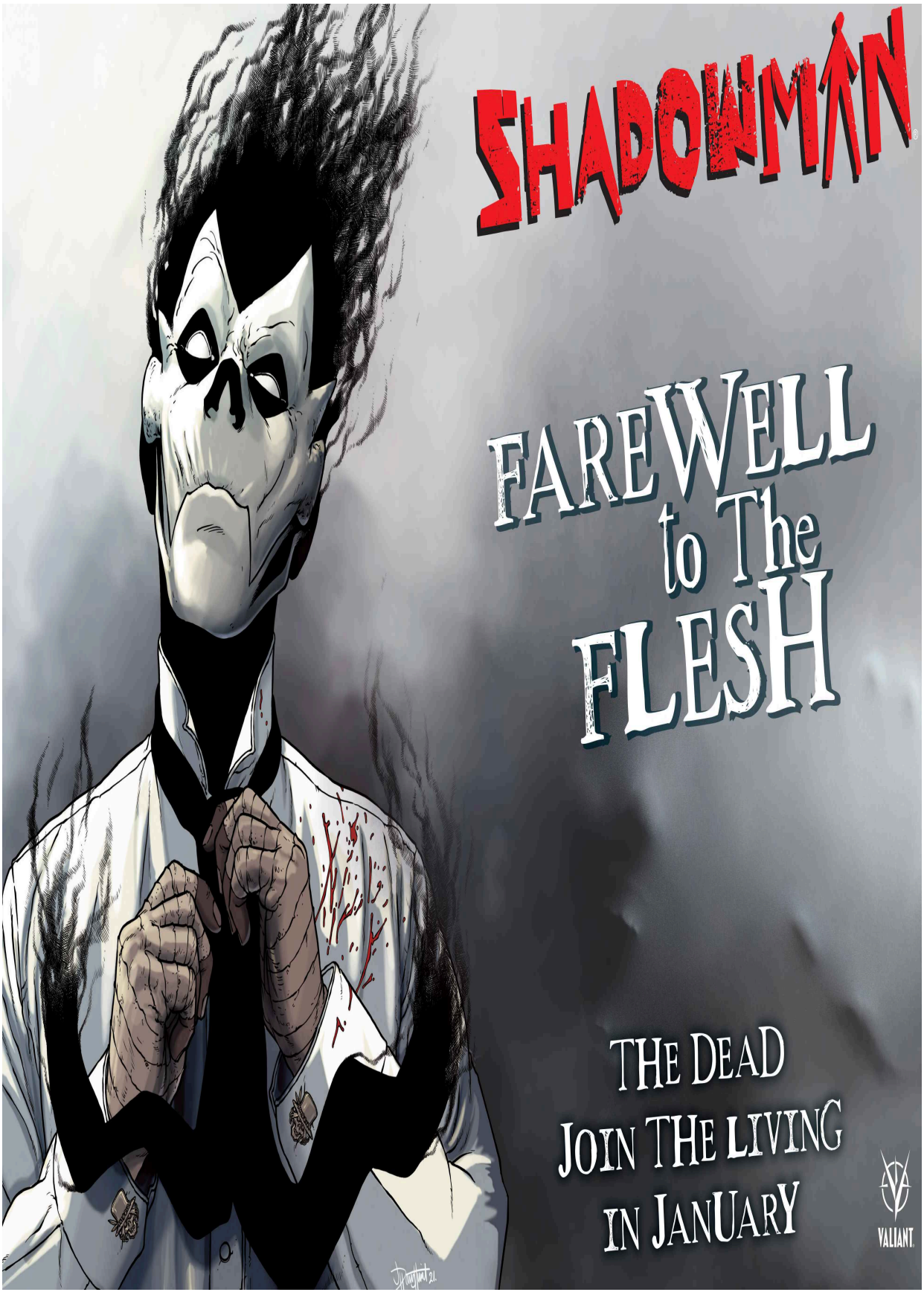

YOU CAN SEE IT ON THEIR FACES.

THE NEIGHBORHOOD IS WHAT MATTERS. NOT THE OPTICS.
ARIC--
GOOD PEOPLE LIVE HERE. REGULAR FOLK. HURT AND SCARED.

I DID THAT. I DESTROYED THEIR HOME.

HEROES DON'T RUN OFF WHEN THE BATTLE IS DONE.
HEROES STAY.
REBUILD.
CLEAN UP THEIR OWN MESS.
THE ENTIRETY OF ACCUMULATED HUMAN KNOWLEDGE AT MY DISPOSAL--
--AND SOMETIMES YOU STILL MAKE ME FEEL LIKE THE DUMB ONE.
HAVE WE CHOSEN A HOME THEN?
WE STAY HERE.
END

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FAREWELL to The FLESH
THE DEAD JOIN THE LIVING IN JANUARY
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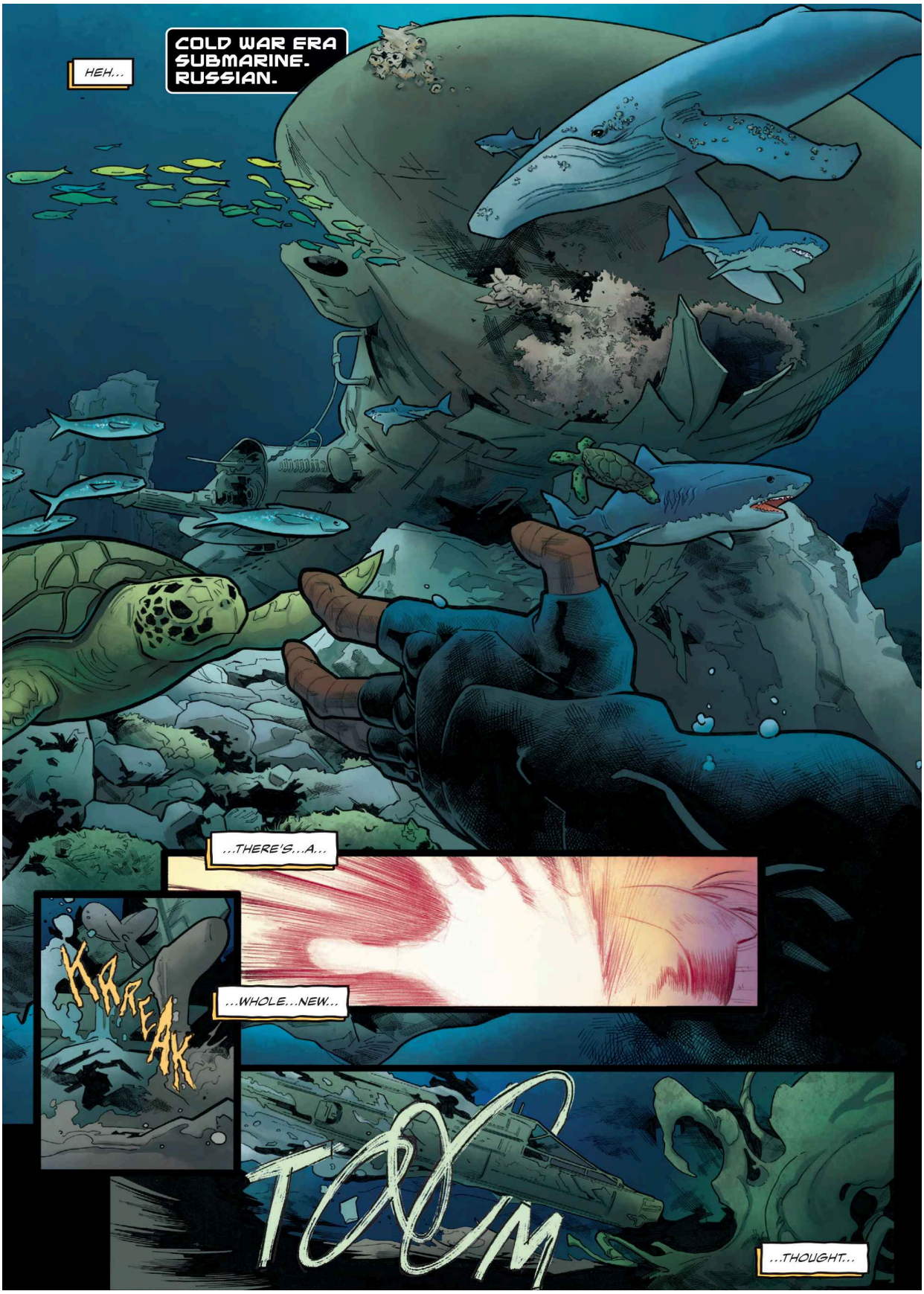
X-O MANOWAR
I DON'T REMEMBER THE LAST TIME I COULD HEAR MYSELF THINK.
SHANHARA...
SHANHARA'S IRRITATING CHATTER. FACTS AND FIGURES. JUDGEMENT AND STRATEGY.
ALWAYS BUZZING IN MY EAR.
MUCH AS I COMPLAINED, HER CHATTER KEPT ME MOVING.
THE BUZZING KEPT ME SHARP.
NOW THAT MY WORLD'S GONE SILENT, IT'S OBVIOUS.
NOW THAT I CAN'T ESCAPE THIS NANITE SWARM THAT'S EATING ME ALIVE.
A MAN WHO SPENDS TOO MUCH TIME WITH HIS THOUGHTS--
--GETS CAUGHT.
AND I'M CAUGHT DOWN HERE THINKING--
WHAT'S WRONG WITH MY FRIEND?
by Hallum, Laiso, Forte, Redmond, & Ofsmane-Elhaou


HEH...
COLD WAR ERA SUBMARINE. RUSSIAN.
...THERE'S...A...
KRREAK
...WHOLE...NEW...
TOOM
...THOUGHT...

...WHAT WOULD SHANHARA DO?

GOT? GOD?
SLOOSH
ALRIGHT. ARIC, I'M GUT CUT OVER HERE.
TELL US THAT WAS THE GOOD KINDA BOOM.
FLOOO
WOOOSH
ARIC?
WHAT'S THE WORD, SON?
KOFF KOFF
GAAG
DID Y'ALL JUST...

...KILL THAT THING?
NO.
ZOSH
!
ALRIGHT THEN.
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ON SALE AUGUST 18, 2021
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SHADOWMAN®

STEP INTO THE DEADSIDE WITH SHADOWMAN WRITER CULLEN BUNN

WHAT MAKES SHADOWMAN UNLIKE ANY OTHER CHARACTER IN COMICS?

CULLEN: *Shadowman's responsibilities make him unique. He's our first and last line of defense against the Deadside, this flipside nightmare reality where all dead things go. His powers come from the shadow loa, a spirit that is bound to him. He's a supernatural defender, yes, but he's not some occult expert know-it-all. He's much more like you or me. He's an everyday kind of guy. He'd rather be playing his sax than punching monsters. But he has a calling that he cannot deny.*

WHY IS THIS SERIES A GREAT JUMPING-ON POINT FOR NEW FANS WHILE ALSO KEEPING LONGTIME SHADOWMAN FANS EXCITED?

CULLEN: *We're following up on the Shadowman stories that have come before. We're honoring the legacy of the character. And we're expanding his story and his mythology. We're shaking up the supernatural side of Valiant. We're doing this, though, in a way that is very new reader-friendly.*

I've challenged myself to make every issue of the series stand on its own, even if someone who has never heard of Shadowman is picking up that issue for the first time. It can get a little tricky, especially as the overarching storyline comes more and more into focus, but it's something that's important to me.

YOU'RE PUTTING HORROR FRONT AND CENTER IN SHADOWMAN'S STORY. TELL US ABOUT YOUR APPROACH TO THIS ICONIC CHARACTER AND WHAT YOU WANT TO ACCOMPLISH WITH HIM.

CULLEN: *Obviously, I want these stories to be entertaining. That's job one. But Shadowman's horror origins provide an interesting opportunity to explore some deeper, darker themes. Horror is a genre that expands boundaries by pushing them, making us feel a little unsure of our surroundings, a little uncomfortable. And I really want to show readers the breadth of wild, haunting stories that can unfold within the genre. Of course, since it is a superhero book, too, you always have Shadowman to guide you through the darkness, so you don't need to be too afraid.*

WHAT'S IT LIKE WORKING WITH ARTIST JON DAVIS-HUNT, COLORIST JORDIE BELLAIRE, AND LETTER CLAYTON COWLES AND WATCHING THEM BRING ALL OF THE TERROR TO LIFE ON THE PAGES?

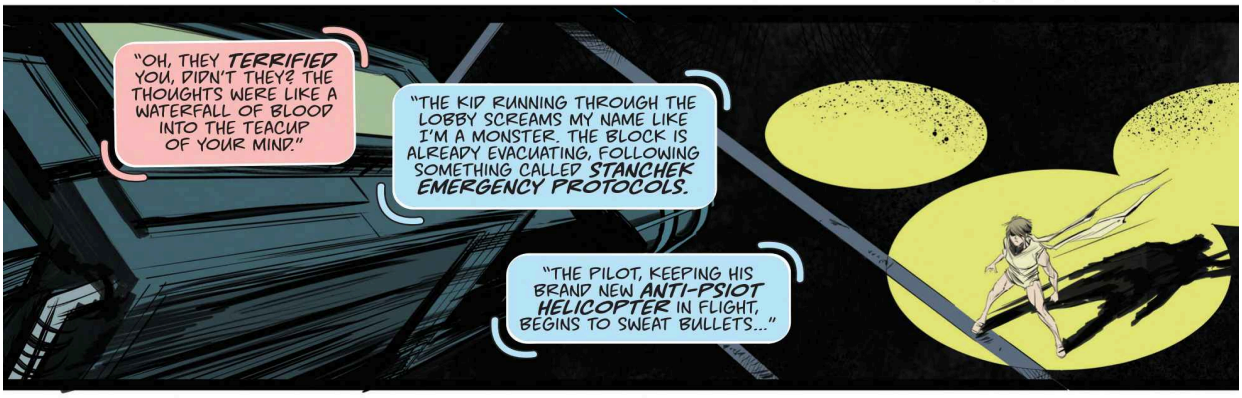
CULLEN: *I couldn't ask for a better team of collaborators. Jon, Jordie, and Clayton are more than amazing professionals at the top of their game. They are creative powerhouses who elevate the story at every stage. I feel very lucky to be working with such an awesome group.*

SHADOWMAN #5 IS ON THE WAY AND IT KICKS OFF A BRAND-NEW STORYLINE. WHAT CAN YOU TEASE ABOUT YOUR FUTURE PLANS FOR SHADOWMAN?

CULLEN: *I've been asked again and again if Shadowman would be encountering any other Valiant characters or running afoul of some of his classic villains. The answer to both questions, as you'll see in the second arc, is a big yes.*

THE HARBINGER
JACKSON LANZING | COLLIN KELLY | ROBBI RODRIGUEZ
RICO RENZI | HASSAN OTSMANE-ELHAOU
"IS IT WEIRD TO BE NOSTALGIC FOR IGNORANCE?"
FWOMP
SKREEK
WOW.
HUF HUF HUF.
OH MY GOD!
ARE YOU SEEING THIS!? TELL ME YOU'RE SEEING THIS!
NO WAY... HE'S DEAD, THEY SAID HE WAS DEAD--
THAT'S PETER [MIKE?]ING STANCHEK!
RUN!
OHMYGODWE'REALL GONNA DIE!!
SKEEEKK
THUMP THUMP
WAIT, STOP, IT'S OKAY, YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE AFRAID! JUST TELL ME WHAT'S GOING ON!
ATTENTION, PETER STANCHEK! PUT YOUR HANDS ON THE GROUND AND DEACTIVATE YOUR ABILITIES. FAIL TO COMPLY...

...AND WE WILL LEAVE YOU IN [BEEP]ING PIECES.


"OH, THEY TERRIFIED YOU, DIDN'T THEY? THE THOUGHTS WERE LIKE A WATERFALL OF BLOOD INTO THE TEACUP OF YOUR MIND."
"THE KID RUNNING THROUGH THE LOBBY SCREAMS MY NAME LIKE I'M A MONSTER. THE BLOCK IS ALREADY EVACUATING, FOLLOWING SOMETHING CALLED STANCHEK EMERGENCY PROTOCOLS.
"THE PILOT, KEEPING HIS BRAND NEW ANTI-PSIOT HELICOPTER IN FLIGHT, BEGINS TO SWEAT BULLETS..."

"...BECAUSE YOU'RE HIS RECURRING NIGHTMARE."
PLEASE! I'M NOT A THREAT!
"AND THEN I HEAR THE GUY WITH THE GUN. THE HATEFUL, TERRIFIED COP WHO'S GOING TO FIRE REGARDLESS OF HIS ORDERS.

"AND THAT'LL BE IT. I'LL NEVER KNOW WHO I AM. WHY THEY'RE TERRIFIED OF ME. WHO TOOK MY MEMORIES.
PLEASE...

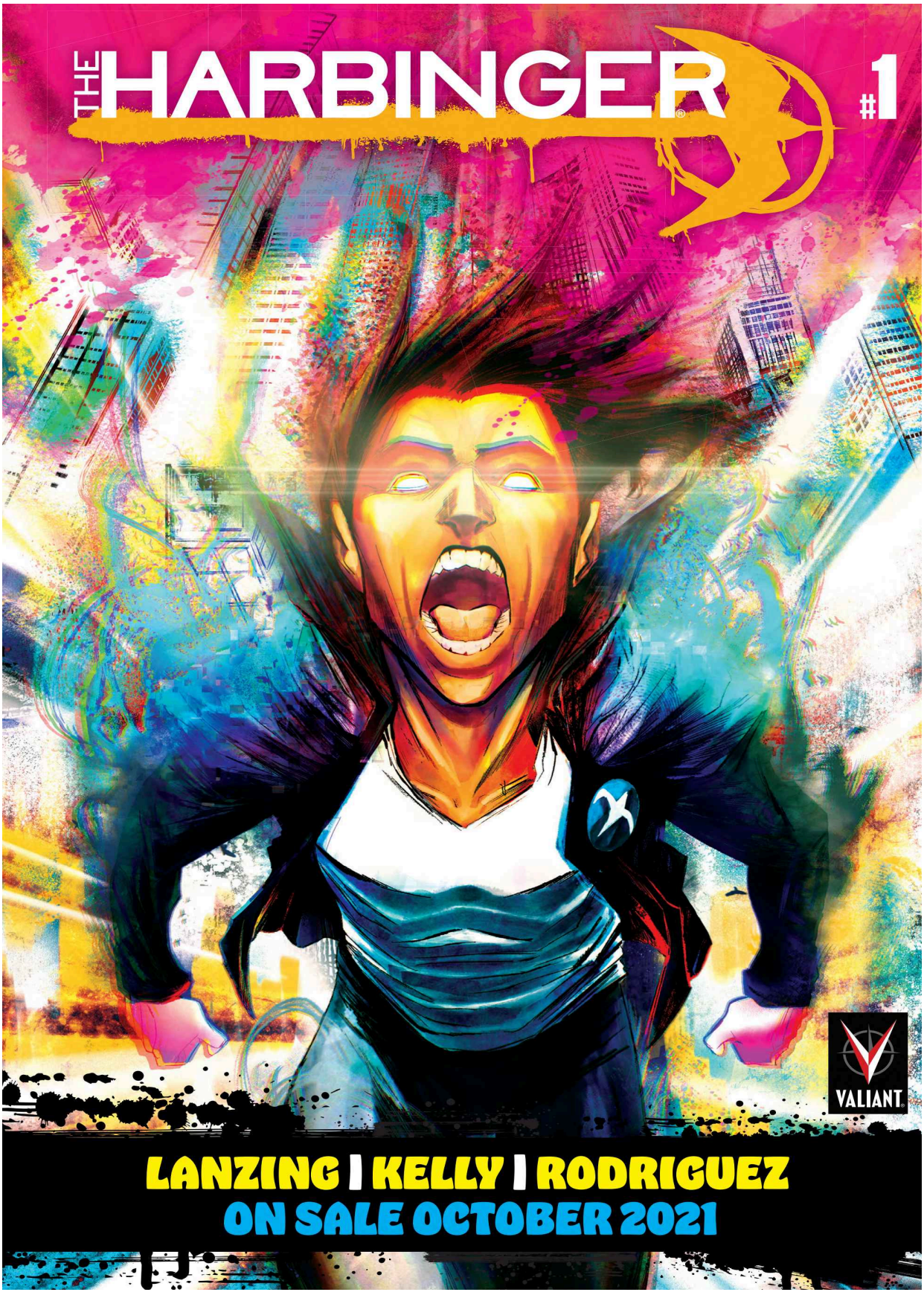
"SO I LISTEN INWARD.
"TO THE VOICE THAT SAYS 'DO IT.'
"'REACH OUT.'

"'SHOW THEM WHO THEY'RE [redacted]NG WITH.'"
HE'S ACTIVATING--!
OPEN FIRE!

"BEFORE I KNOW IT, I'M HOLDING FOUR CARS DOWN THE STREET IN MY GRIP.
"I CAN BRING THE TOWERS CRASHING DOWN. I COULD TOPPLE THE ENTIRE TRIBUNE BUILDING JUST BY THINKING THE WRONG THING. OR, GOD FORBID, THE RIGHT ONE."
"BUT YOU HAD ANOTHER VOICE IN YOUR HEAD, DIDN'T YOU? YOU LUCKY BASTARD, YOU HAVE THAT GODDAMN VOICE."
RATT-A-TATT
RATT-A-TATT
BE BETTER.
BE BETTER.
BE BETTER.
BE BETTER.
BE BETTER.

BE...
RATT-A-TAT-RATT-A-TAT-RATT-A-TAT
UNNNG... COME ON...
BE...
RATT-A-TAT-RATT-A-TAT-RATT-A-TA

"...BETTER!"
YOOOOMMM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